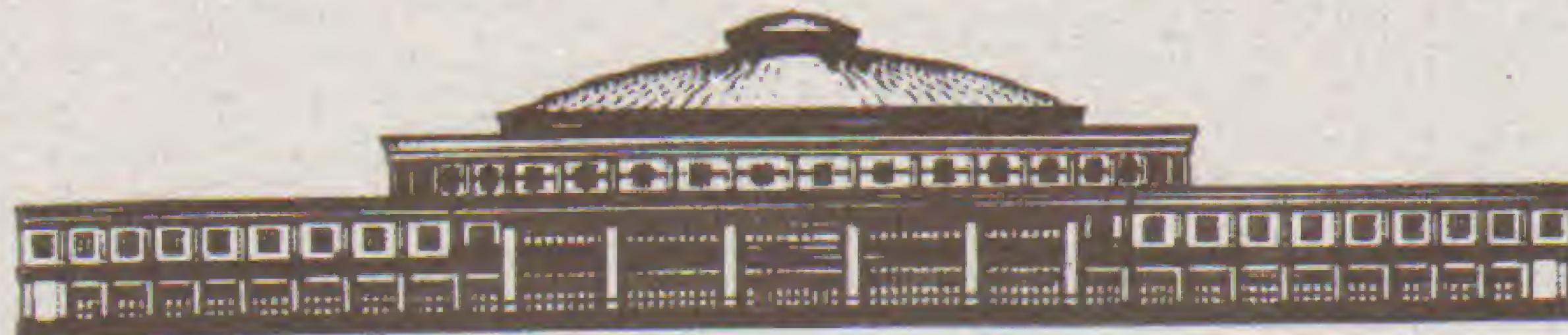


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APRIL IS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

APRIL 1-4

*SPRING BREAK
No classes.

APRIL 1

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Northwest Shoals.
Here. 1 p.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Walker College. Here.
2 p.m.

APRIL 2-4
SPRING BREAK -
COLLEGE CLOSED.

APRIL 3

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Bevill-Sumiton. There.
2 p.m.

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Wallace-Selma. There.
6 p.m.

APRIL 4

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
NWPC - Here. 2 p.m.

APRIL 5

MEN'S BASEBALL
Gadsden State. Here.
1 p.m.

*VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION
Alabama Fire College.

APRIL 6

MEN'S BASEBALL
Bevill-Fayette. Here. 2 p.m.

*VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION
Alabama Fire College.

APRIL 7-11

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
TECHNICIAN CLASS
Alabama Fire College.

APRIL 7

*FACULTY MEETING
New Campus - Room 2113.
3:30 p.m.

APRIL 8

*VPAC. 10 a.m.

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Wallace @ Hanceville. Here.
1 p.m.

*TUESDAY CONCERT
Skyland auditorium. 1 p.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Snead State - There. 2 p.m.

APRIL 10

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Calhoun - There. 1 p.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Gadsden State - There. 2 p.m.

*ZENGER MILLER
New Campus. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

APRIL 12

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Central Alabama - Here. 1 p.m.

*VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION
Alabama Fire College.

APRIL 13

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER CERTIFICATION
Alabama Fire College.

APRIL 14 - 16

PLANT SALE
Fredd Campus. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

APRIL 14

*DIVISION CHAIRS MEETING.
3:15 p.m.

APRIL 15

*ASSET TEST
Skyland Campus. 9 a.m.

*SPANISH CLUB FUND RAISER. Fazolli's All-You-Can Eat Spaghetti. \$4.29 (PLUS TAX)
Noon - 2 p.m.

*TUESDAY CONCERT SERIES
Skyland Auditorium. 1 p.m.

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Southern Union. There. 2 p.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Wallace @ Selma. 2 p.m.

S P E C I A L C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E M O N T H A C T I V I T I E S

In addition to the activities normally scheduled during April, the following events have been scheduled as part of our Community College Month Celebration.

* Invite an alumnus to speak. Faculty are asked to invite at least one former student to come back during April and talk to at least one class. If a faculty member does not know a student, they may call Shelton's Public Relations office, ext. 2221, and a member of the Shelton State Alumni Association will come and talk to the class.

*Shelton's April Calendar and the April issues of THE CHRONICLE will be printed on special paper stock by the graphics and printing communications department in observance on Community College Month. Bookmarks will also be distributed this month.

*Radio/television talk shows will be scheduled during the month.

*An essay contest for high school juniors and seniors in city or county schools will be sponsored by the college. Students will be asked to write an essay on "What I'd Like to Tell Governor James About Education." Prizes

for first place are a \$100 savings bond from National Bank of Commerce, \$50 cash scholarship from Jack Kubiszyn Insurance Agency, and other gifts and prizes.

R E S P I R A T O R Y T H E R A P Y P R O G R A M R E C E I V E S N A T I O N A L A C C R E D I T A T I O N

Shelton State Community College recently received notification by the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education (JRCRTE) that the college's respiratory therapy program has received national certification. The certification is for a five-year period and only two other two-year colleges in the state, Wallace State Community College in Hanceville and Wallace State Community College at Dothan, have certified respiratory therapy programs. The University of South Alabama and the University of Alabama in Birmingham offer a BS program in respiratory therapy and are also accredited.

Respiratory care practitioners are health care specialists who, under the direction of a physician, evaluate, help in the

diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with pulmonary and cardiac disorders.

According to Bruce Spruell, director of Shelton's respiratory therapy program, the respiratory therapy program grew out of a basic need for trained respiratory therapists. Spruell, who was director of respiratory therapy at DCH at one time, said the hospital originally had to contract with therapists from out of town to come to Tuscaloosa on the weekends because there were not enough trained therapists locally.

Tuscaloosa's program began in 1989 at Forest Lake United Methodist Church because there was no room at the hospital at the time for training, according to Spruell. The program moved under the auspices of UAB for a while before being placed under Wallace at Hanceville. However, by 1994 the process began that would move the program to Shelton State Community College. Although the process began in May 1994, Shelton's program was not approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) until August of that year. The first class to enroll was in September of 1994 and was a joint effort between

Shelton and DCH Regional Medical Center.

In September 1996, the program moved to Shelton's Fredd Campus, and services were expanded. Through federal grants, the college purchased state-of-the-art equipment that now is used in the program's computer lab. Spruell hopes that in the future the college can integrate computers and videos into the classroom.

Students entering the program must first have 30 hours of prerequisites including courses in the natural sciences, math, and physics. If accepted into the respiratory therapy program, students will spend four semesters or 17 months in the program before graduating with an associate degree.

According to Spruell, Shelton's graduates are found working all over the country. Several graduates now have their own health care businesses. Others are department heads at local hospitals. One former student started a sleep lab in Fairhope, Alabama, and some students have gone into nursing. According to Spruell, students do not have a hard time getting a job after graduation.

TQM n a t i o n a l recognition of teamsPIRIT

Shelton was recently contacted by Dr. David Keitzmann, dean of career and technical education, at Danville Area Community College (DACC). Danville, Illinois. Dr. Keitzmann has been looking for a working implementaiton model for DACC's quality improvement initiative and heard about Shelton's TEAMSpirit model through the National Quality Academy in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Recently Johnny Parker presented Shelton's TEAMSpirit model and conducted a seminar for about 50 people of DACC's Quality Improvement Teams. We should all be excited about the recognition.

TEAMSPIRIT PAYS

All of the biology classes are now on the new campus, thanks to the teamwork and cooperation of the biology department faculty and our maintenance staff. The department's move to the new campus was done in-house. The biology faculty and lab assistants have been working for several months to carefully pack and prepare their area for

the move. The maintenance staff flawlessly handled the physical relocation to the new campus. By volunteering to take on this project, thousands of dollars were saved. The costs estimates for a professional moving company would have been \$8,000 - \$12,000. Thanks to the efforts of the department and maintenance staff, we moved for about \$2,000, the cost of packing materials.

WE NEED QUALITY

Many organizations have attempted quality initiatives, some with disappointing results. Case studies of the less-than-successful attempts at quality share a common tread, a lack of organizational commitment. These organizations generally "stick their toes in the water but never jump in." This is unfortunate because the organizations who have successfully carried out quality initiatives are reaping big rewards. In a recent issue, BUSINESS WEEK reported that 16 winners of the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award since 1988 have out performed the Standard & Poors 500-stock index by 3

to 1 in terms of return on investment. Even the 48 companies that didn't take home a Baldridge but made it to the final round of judging have bested the S&P 500 by 2 to 1. Stock prices for Baldridge winners and finalists have increased by 330 and 170 percent since 1988. For organizations to thrive in the next century, quality is no longer an option; it is a necessity. As educational institutions begin to assimilate the knowledge and experience of other quality - based organizations, we can expect similar rewards. However, we can't just "stick our toes" into quality. We have to make a commitment and jump in if we are to be successful.

FACES 'N PLACES

***Theatre Tuscaloosa and Stage Centre** recently treated over 160 students, staff, and faculty to a performance of "Brush Up Your Shakespeare." The audience's participation and reaction proved Shakespeare's works are just as entertaining today as they were centuries ago.

*Several personnel changes were announced recently by the college. **Jan Richardson** was named secretary for institutional advancement. **Brian Sellers**

was hired this spring as a new accounting instructor, and **Betty Brown** was transferred from the financial aid office to a position as counselor for Talent Search. As financial aid coordinator for Bishop State Community College before joining Shelton, Richardson was the Support Staff Nominee for the Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award in 1996 and was also the state board representative for the Alabama Association of Veteran's Affairs. Sellers is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in Tennessee with an MS degree in accounting. He also has a BS degree from UAB. From 1995 until he joined Shelton, he was an accounting instructor at Nashville State Technical Institute in Nashville. Brown received her BA degree in social work from the University of Alabama in 1986 and has been with Shelton for 16 years as a financial aid officer. She is a member of the Shelton Alumni Association and recently served as president of ESPO.

***Shelton's natural science faculty** recently completed their move to the new campus, and division chair **Mike Aaron** reports that all went smoothly. Biology classes will move to the new

campus after spring break. Shelton's chemistry classes will be offered on the new campus beginning Summer Semester. Most of the rooms in the science area are dedicated for each class. Instructors can probably offer three chemistry classes simultaneously on the new campus. Lee Albritton reports the astronomy classes will be taught inside the new campus and the labs outside in the back of the new campus property.

***Jim Jolly** was recently elected to the board of directors for the Tombigbee Girl Scout Council. Jolly is one of 24 board members from 11 counties in West Alabama.

***Instructor Allan Mallory** will be the guest speaker for the Shelton State Alumni Association's Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, at 6 p.m. in the dining room of the new campus. Mallory is a renowned comedian and travels extensively playing at comedy clubs. The cost of the dinner is \$11 per person and is open to Alumni Association members and the public. Dues for active membership are \$15. For more information on the Alumni Association or the Annual Meeting, contact the Alumni Office, ext. 2221 or 2252.